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(3) A description of the present employment of any graduates of the program, to the extent available, and a description of the methods to be used by the program in placing its graduates.

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§ 57.705 Project requirements.

A project supported under this subpart must be conducted in accordance with the following requirements:

(a) The project must conduct its program for the training of physician assistants in accordance with the requirements in 42 CFR 57.803.

(b) The program must (1) be accredited as an Educational Program for the Physician Assistant by the American Medical Association's Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, or (2) have received a Letter of Review from the Accreditation Review Committee on Education for the Physician Assistant.

(c) The program must be operational no later than 12 months after the award of a grant under this subpart.

(d) The project must be conducted under the direction of the project director who must be employed full-time at the grantee institution(s). If the project director becomes unable to function in this capacity, the Secretary must be notified as soon as possible.

(e) The project must evaluate the supervised clinical practice conducted by the program with respect to:

(1) The variety of patient contact and care experiences afforded to participating students;

(2) The adequacy and quality of supervision provided to participating students; and

(3) The adequacy of the physical setting or settings in which the supervised clinical practice takes place.

(f)(1) The project must provide on an annual basis, upon request and in a format acceptable to the Secretary, information in the aggregate regarding student characteristics, student attrition rate and student performance.

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(2) The project must provide on an annual basis, upon request and in a format acceptable to the Secretary, information in the aggregate regarding the employment of its graduates including place of employment.

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§ 57.706 Evaluation of applications.

(a) As required by section 798(a) of the Act, each application for a grant under this subpart shall be submitted to a peer review group, composed principally of non-Federal experts, for an evaluation of the merits of the proposals made in the application. The Secretary may not approve such an application unless a peer review group has recommended the application for approval. The Secretary will approve or disapprove all applications filed in accordance with § 57.704, taking into consideration:

(1) The degree to which the project plan adequately provides for meeting the requirements set forth in § 57.705 and 42 CFR 57.803;

(2) The potential effectiveness of the project in carrying out the purposes of section 750 of the Act and this subpart;

(3) The capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed project;

(4) The local, regional, and national needs the project proposes to serve;

(5) The adequacy of the project's plan for placing graduates in health professional shortage areas;

(6) The soundness of the fiscal plan for assuring effective use of grant funds;

(7) The potential of the project to continue on a self-sustaining basis after the period of grant support; and

(8) The adequacy of the project's plan to develop and use methods designed to attract and maintain minority and disadvantaged students to train as physician assistants.

(b) In determining the funding of applications approved under paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary will consider any special factors relating to national needs as the Secretary may

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from time to time announce in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

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§ 57.707 Grant award.

(a) *General.* (1) Within the limits of funds available for this purpose, the Secretary may award grants to those applicants whose projects will, in his or her judgment best promote the purposes of section 750 of the Act as determined in accordance with § 57.706.

(2) The notice of grant award specifies the length of time the Secretary intends to support the project without requiring the project to re compete for funds. This period, called the project period, will not exceed 5 years.

(3) Neither the approval of any project nor any grant award shall commit or obligate the United States in any way to make any additional, supplemental, continuation, or other award with respect to any approved project or portion of an approved project. For continuation support, grantees must make separate application at such times and in such a form as the Secretary may prescribe.

(b) The Secretary will determine the amount of any award on the basis of his or her estimate of the sum necessary for the cost (including both direct and indirect costs) of the project.

(c) Generally, the grant will initially be funded for 1 year, and subsequent continuation awards will also be for 1 year at a time. Decisions regarding continuation awards and the funding levels of these awards will be made after consideration of such factors as the grantee's progress and management practices, existence of legislative authority, and the availability of funds. In all cases, continuation awards require a determination by the Secretary that continued funding is in the best interest of the Federal Government.

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§ 57.708 Grant payments.

The Secretary will from time to time make payments to a grantee of all or a

portion of any grant award, either in advance or by way of reimbursement.

[44 FR 36178, June 21, 1979]

§ 57.709 Purposes for which grant funds must be spent.

(a) Grant funds must be spent solely for carrying out the approved project under section 750 of the Act, these regulations, the terms and conditions of the grant award, and applicable cost principles specified in subpart Q of 45 CFR part 74.

(b) Grant funds may not be spent for sectarian instruction or for any religious purpose.

(c) Any balance of federally obligated grant funds remaining unobligated by the grantee at the end of a budget period may be carried forward provided specific approval is granted by the Secretary. If at any time during a budget period it becomes apparent to the Secretary that the amount of Federal funds awarded and available to the grantee for that period, including any unobligated balance carried forward from prior periods, exceeds the grantee's needs for the period, the Secretary may adjust the amounts awarded by withdrawing the excess. A budget period is an interval of time (usually 12 months) into which the project period is divided for funding and reporting purposes.

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§ 57.710 What additional Department regulations apply to grantees?

Several other regulations apply to these grants. They include, but are not limited to:

42 CFR part 50, subpart D—Public Health Service grant appeals procedure

45 CFR part 16—Procedures of the Departmental Grant Appeals Board

45 CFR part 46—Protection of human subjects

45 CFR part 74—Administration of grants

45 CFR part 75—Informal grant appeals procedures

45 CFR part 76—Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)

45 CFR part 80—Nondiscrimination under programs receiving Federal assistance through the Department of Health and